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Purpose of this Parent Guide

This guide has sample (released) STAR questions shown in a way to help you better understand your child's STAR results. STAR test results are only one way of showing what your child has learned. Talk with your child's teacher to discuss specific STAR test results and any questions you may have about this guide. A sample STAR report and Guide to Your STAR Student Report can be found at the end of this guide.

Grade Two: English–Language Arts

Question 3 (Proficient Sample)

In Step 4, the film of soapy water is called a “window” because it:

- A** is made of glass
- B** has a round shape
- C** is easy to break
- D** can be seen through

This question assesses understanding of a detail presented in written instructions.

Correct answer: D

Standard: Comprehension and Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text

Restate facts and details in the text to clarify and organize ideas.

Grade Three: Mathematics

Question 5 (Below Basic Sample)

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{4} =$$

A $\frac{6}{6}$

B $\frac{2}{6}$

C $\frac{2}{3}$

D $\frac{3}{4}$

This question assesses adding simple fractions.

Correct answer: D

Standard: Add and subtract simple fractions (e.g., determine that $\frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{8}$ is the same as $\frac{1}{2}$).

STAR Student Report

USING ASSESSMENTS TO HELP STUDENTS LEARN

LOCAL ID #: 999999999
STUDENT #: 0000052392 DATE OF BIRTH: 01/01/0000
GRADE: 2 TEST DATE: Spring 0000



FOR THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF:

CHILD'S NAME
1234 Main Street
City, CA 12345

SCHOOL: CALIFORNIA Elementary School
DISTRICT: CALIFORNIA Unified

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year, California's Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program measures your child's progress in meeting California's world class content standards. These standards describe what all students should know and be able to do at each grade level.

This report shows your child's scores on the STAR Program tests. I encourage you to discuss these results with your child and your child's teacher(s). Besides giving you valuable information about your child's academic strengths and weaknesses, test scores help us understand how well our schools are doing and how we might do better in the most important job of all – preparing students to succeed in school and beyond.

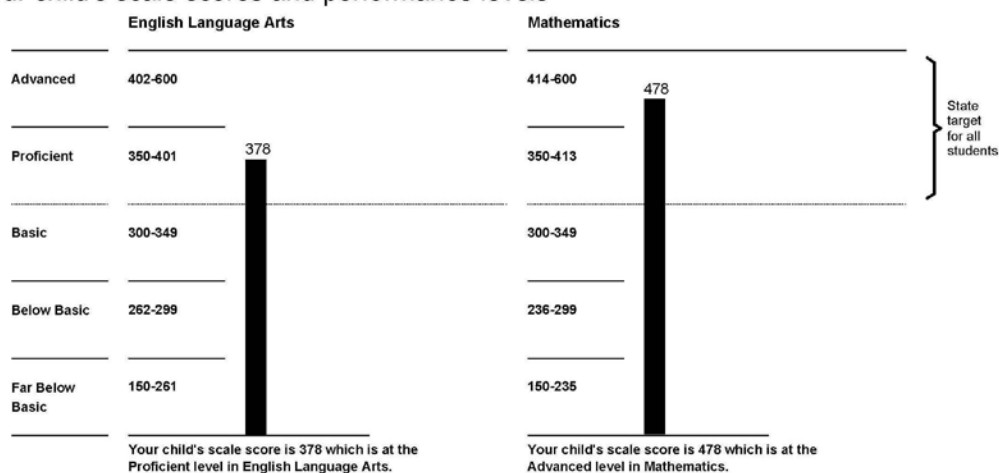
Sincerely,

Jack O'Connell
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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION



Your child's overall results on the California Standards Tests

Your child's scale scores and performance levels



Find complete STAR results at <http://star.cde.ca.gov> and your school's Accountability Report Card (SARC) at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa or ask for a copy of the SARC at your child's school.

How should I use these STAR Program results?

These results are one of several tools used to follow your child's educational progress. While they provide an important measure, they should be viewed with other available information about your child's achievement, such as classroom tests, assignments, and grades.

These results are also intended to help ensure your child is getting the best possible education. If your child is not performing at the level you would like, these results can help guide a conversation with your child's teacher in order to help focus on specific areas for improvement.